

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Doug Joseph	
Application No.: 09/876,351 (CONF 9150)	Group Art Unit: 2134
Filed: 6/6/2001	Examiner: Piotr Poltorak
Title: Secure inter-node communication	
Attorney Docket No.: BEA920010008US1	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of November 9, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.